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REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in the present application. By this amendment, claims 1-11 have been amended. Reconsideration of the claims in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takashima in view of Deline.

Claims 1-11 have been amended to recite a snowmobile comprising, amongst other things, an endless track disposed below a frame and operatively connected to an engine for propulsion of the snowmobile and two skis disposed on the frame to steer the snowmobile, an onboard communications system mounted to the frame, the onboard communications system comprising a global positioning system and an antenna operatively connected to the global positioning system, wherein the antenna receives a global positioning signal, which is relayed to the global positioning system.

Neither Takashima nor Deline nor the combination of the two teach a snowmobile having a global positioning system as claimed in claim 1.

Takashima teaches a personal watercraft having a GPS antenna installed at several locations on the personal watercraft, Takashima is silent about having a snowmobile equipped with a GPS. Deline teaches a sound processing system provided as part of a interior rearview mirror assembly of a vehicle. Deline teaches that the interior rearview mirror may also include a GPS, Deline is also silent about providing a GPS on a snowmobile.

Because the combination of Takashima and Deline does not teach at least all the elements present in claim 1, in particular, a snowmobile equipped with a GPS, the combination cannot render obvious claim 1.

The Applicant also believes that while Takashima teaches a personal watercraft having a GPS, Takashima could not render obvious a snowmobile having a GPS. GPS's were known to be installed on other vehicles such as boats and automobiles prior to the filing date of Takashima and the USPTO did not believe it to be obvious to have a personal watercraft equipped with a GPS over a boat or an automobile equipped with a GPS. For this reason, Takashima alone, nor in combination with Deline can render obvious a snowmobile having a GPS and thus cannot render obvious claim 1.

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Claims 2-11 recite additional features of the present invention and are patentable with respect to claim 1 and the additional features found therein. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the above rejection is requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of the currently pending claims are allowable and that the entire application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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